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FOR EA HOLBROOKE AND EA/J SHERMAN ONLY FROM SHOESMITH

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: ENRG, PARM, TECH, JA  
SUBJECT: DISPATCH OF GOJ MISSION ON NUCLEAR ENERGY TO U.S.

REF: TOKYO 1677

1. DIRGEN OKAWA OF FOREIGN OFFICE UN BUREAU CALLED ME  
FEBRUARY 8 TO INFORM ME THAT ON THE BASIS OF THE  
JAPANESE EMBASSY'S DISCUSSION WITH EA/J ON FEBRUARY 7,  
AMBASSADOR TOGO HAS REPORTED THAT THERE IS "SOME OPINION"  
WITHIN THE USG THAT IT MIGHT BE BETTER FOR THE GOJ  
NUCLEAR ENERGY MISSION TO POSTPONE ITS VISIT UNTIL  
SOMETIME IN MARCH AFTER THE USG HAS COMPLETED ITS  
"FINAL REVIEW OF NON-PROLIFERATION POLICY." TOGO  
REPORTED THAT A FINAL RESPONSE ON TIMING STILL AWAITED  
COORDINATION OF VIEWS WITHIN USG.

2. OKAWA WAS OBVIOUSLY CONCERNED FOR THE POSSIBILITY  
THAT THE GOJ MISSION'S VISIT MIGHT BE DELAYED UNTIL  
SOMETIME IN MARCH. HE POINTED OUT TO ME THAT THE  
PRIMARY PURPOSE OF THE VISIT WAS TO PLACE GOJ VIEWS  
ON NON-PROLIFERATION AND NUCLEAR ENERGY BEFORE THE USG  
IN ADVANCE OF ANY FINAL POLICY DECISIONS. HE RECALLED  
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THAT HE HAD POINTED OUT TO HOLBROOKE DURING THEIR  
LUNCHEON CONVERSATION HERE THE IMPORTANCE OF THE GOJ  
BEING AFFORDED SUCH AN OPPORTUNITY. HE EMPHASIZED  
TO ME THAT ALTHOUGH THE MISSION IS NOT EXPECTED TO  
REACH ANY DECISIONS IN ITS DISCUSSIONS IN WASHINGTON,  
IT DOES HOPE TO INSURE A FULL AND FAIR HEARING OF GOJ  
VIEWS BEFORE OUR POLICY LINES HAVE BEEN SET.

3. I THINK IT FAIR TO STATE THAT ON THE BASIS OF CONVERSATIONS DURING VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE'S VISIT THE GOJ CAME TO EXPECT THAT WE WOULD BE RECEPTIVE TO THE TYPE OF CONSULTATIONS WHICH THEY ARE NOW SEEKING. ALTHOUGH NO SPECIFICS WERE DISCUSSED AS TO TIMING IN THE CONVERSATION WITH PRIME MINISTER FUKUDA, THE VICE PRESIDENT DID NOTE THAT HE UNDERSTOOD THE GOJ WAS INTERESTED IN CONSULTATIONS AND HE WELCOMED SUCH CONSULTATIONS ON A HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL BASIS. ADDITIONALLY I THINK THAT BY DELAYING THIS VISIT UNTIL MARCH, WE RISK LOSING THE OPPORTUNITY FOR ADEQUATE FEEDBACK TO INSURE A THOROUGH EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON THIS COMPLEX ISSUE BEFORE PRESIDENT CARTER'S MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER FUKUDA.

4. I HOPE VERY MUCH, THEREFORE, THAT YOU BOTH WILL BE SUCCESSFUL IN ARRANGING THIS VISIT WITHIN THE TIME-FRAME SUGGESTED BY THE GOJ. I THINK OUR ABILITY TO ACCOMMODATE THE GOJ IN THIS IMPORTANT MATTER WILL DO MUCH TO CARRY FORWARD THE STRENGTHENED SENSE OF CONFIDENCE IN THE NEW ADMINISTRATION CREATED BY THE VICE PRESIDENT'S VISIT.  
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